



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
**South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 19, 2019. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from no rain up to 2.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 70s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 60s.

County Comments

Cotton and peanut planting nearly wrapped up in Horry County. All planted crops appeared to be doing okay, but a little rain wouldn't hurt. Soybean planting was now underway and will continue through mid-July.

Rusty Skipper, Horry County

Planting continued at a rapid clip in anticipation of hot and dry conditions this coming week. Some farmers were chasing moisture in sandier fields. Hot and dry conditions for the coming 10 days have farmers nervous about crop emergence. Corn crop looks good at the moment but this week will show stressors on dryland crop.

Charles Davis, Calhoun County

By week's end, some corn fields had spots showing signs of drought heat stress. High day time temperatures were offset by cooler night time temperatures. Vegetable crops were progressing at a good pace, with farmers picking squash, and some early vegetables.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Corn leaves were rolling before noon in dryland plantings. Harvest of oats began this week and harvest of wheat and rye will begin next week. The dry conditions is stalled the completion of cotton and soybean planting. Irrigated crops were doing well. No crop insect or disease problems reported this week. This area is desperate for a good soaking rain.

Hugh B. Gray, Hampton County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/19/19

Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton - Planted	65	39	45	60
Hay - 1st Cutting	63	48	39	37
Peanuts - Planted.....	70	47	52	61
Soybeans - Planted.....	17	7	19	29
Soybeans - Emerged.....	7	1	13	14
Winter wheat - Harvested	0	NA	0	1

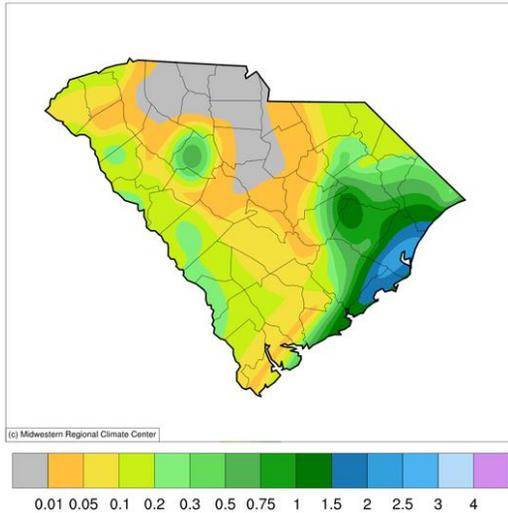
Crop Condition for Week Ending 05/19/19

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle	0	0	14	83	3
Corn	0	0	15	67	18
Pasture and range.....	0	0	21	72	7
Peaches.....	0	0	28	68	4
Tobacco.....	0	0	24	76	0
Winter wheat.....	0	0	24	74	2

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 05/12/19

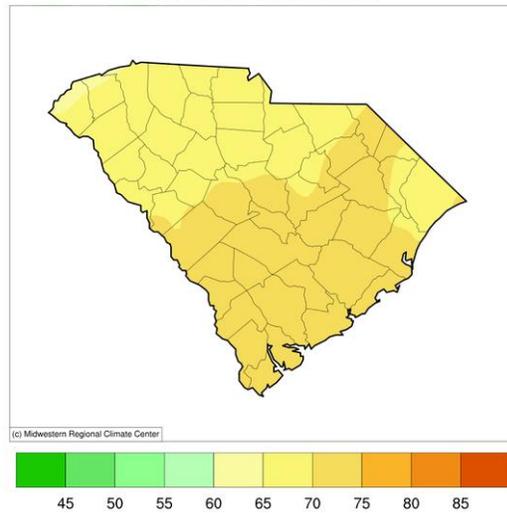
Topsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	6	0
Short.....	42	13
Adequate.....	52	85
Surplus.....	0	2
Subsoil	This week	Previous week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	34	17
Adequate.....	65	82
Surplus.....	1	1

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
May 13, 2019 to May 19, 2019



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Average Temperature (°F)
May 13, 2019 to May 19, 2019

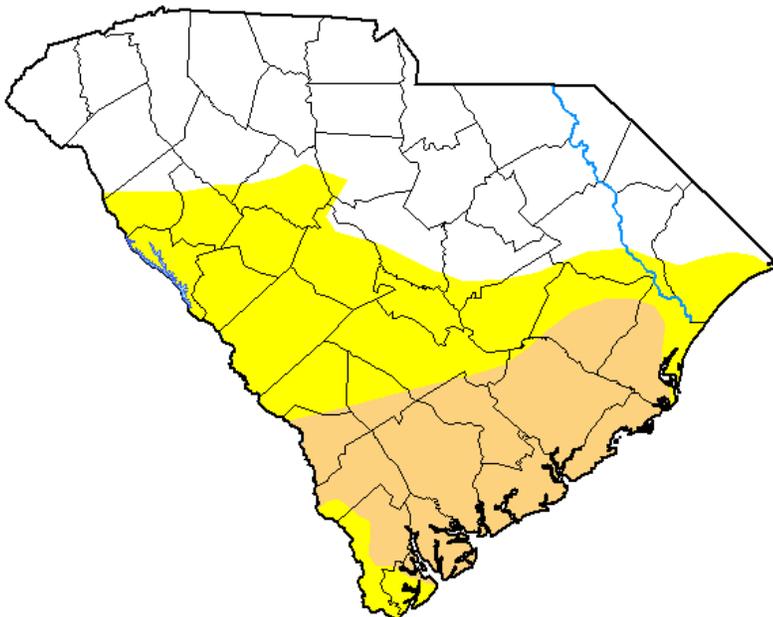


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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2019.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	46.41	53.59	22.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 05-07-2019	45.71	54.29	23.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 02-12-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 05-15-2018	60.10	39.90	26.52	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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